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DISTRIBUTION OF GRAIN -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 17 Oct 53

In 2 months during the summer of 1953, 87,100,000 catties of grain were transported from Kansu Province to Kuan-chung in Shensi Province and to Shansi Province, areas where industrial and mining construction is underway.

STORAGE OF COMMODITIES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 23 Oct 53

Kirin department store warehouses and supply stations are overstocked with goods while retail stores are short. The Changchung wholesale center has 238,000 dozen pieces of soap but retail outlets under its jurisdiction only have 40,000 dozens.

Chungking, Hsin-hua Jih-pao, 29 Apr 53

The state-operated warehousing facilities of Kiangsu are badly managed and this results in a great deal of waste. For example, a large quantity of cigarettes and 2,640,000,000 yuan of dry silk cocoons spoiled in the warehouses because of mismanagement. The Mo-Hsi Cotton Print Company incorrectly distributed 4,150 pieces of cotton material resulting in a large amount of needless transportation expense.

Chungking, Hsin-hua Jih-pao, 6 Apr 53

After the Nanking Wholesale Warehouse adopted the economic accounting system, the turnover of goods was greatly accelerated. For example, large stocks of granulated sugar and imported paper were quickly sold.

CHEMICALS FOR SALE -- Amoy Jih-pao, 12 Apr 53

The Amoy Branch of the state-operated China Pharmaceutical Company recently received a batch of chemical and medical apparatus. Some of them are as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Prices</u>
Waldon microscopic lens	10,800,000 yuan
Scales	800,000 yuan
Glass spirit lamp	wholesale 5,000 yuan
Glass spirit lamp	retail 5,700 yuan
Injection apparatus	wholesale 12,500 yuan
Injection apparatus	retail 14,000 yuan
500 millimeter cotton	wholesale 18,500 yuan
Gause	wholesale 42,000 yuan
14 inch diagnostic bag	213,000 yuan
18 inch obstetrical case	400,600 yuan

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TEXTILE SUPPLY -- Amoy Jih-pao, 14 Apr 53

The 1952 supply of first-class cloth to the people by the China Cotton Cloth Company and East China Company exceeded that of 1951 by 300 percent.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 28 Oct 53

The Harbin Branch of the China Communications and Electric Equipment Company advertised for sale, 44 different types of motors, 53 different types of transformers, and 5 different types of electric wire of various sizes.

CORRUPT TRADING PRACTICES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 19 Oct 53

Among the illegal capitalist trading practices in Shanghai, the most vicious and disruptive is that of capitalizing on the regional differences in prices of state-owned companies to make large profits.

TRADE PRACTICES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 23 Oct 53

The Trade Department of the Wuhan People's Government investigated 83 business firms covering 14 lines of business for violation of price regulations, profiteering, and other illegal activities which disrupted the price situation in the Wuhan area during July and August 1953. Violations by private business firms consisted of selling above the list and agreed prices and price gouging.

Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 29 Oct 53

Differences in the purchase prices of agricultural products from place to place, because of the government's failure to establish standard prices, are creating chaos in many markets. Many corrupt merchants are taking advantage of the situation to purchase products in areas where purchase price is low and selling them in higher-priced areas.

WEEKLY REST DAY ELIMINATED -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 17 Oct 53

On 15 October, the Ministry of Commerce decided to eliminate the weekly rest day in all state-operated commercial enterprises. At the same time, personnel will be granted a day of rest on a rotation basis. It is expected that efficiency and the number of workdays will be increased 15 percent by this step.

HOLIDAY PRICE CUTTING -- Chungking, Hsin-hua Jih-pao, 26 Apr 53

The Ministry of Commerce of the Central People's Government notified all state-operated businesses not to cut prices during the holidays. This practice will no longer be tolerated because prices have been stabilized. Price reduction benefits only a small portion of the city people and many persons living in small towns and in rural areas are not benefited.

MERCHANDIZING QUOTA -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 31 Oct 53

The Liaotung General Merchandise Company failed to meet its seasonal sales quota of 11 percent when sales amounted to only 7.0 percent. The failure was attributed to management's rigid restriction of cash outlay and

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hesitancy to buy goods for sale. The basic units of the merchandise company were accused of keeping inventories low and not selling many types of goods held by wholesalers.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 30 Oct 53

Marketing and Supply Cooperatives of Anhwei Province have purchased 24.3 million catties of soybeans and 11.4 million catties of sesame seeds through its 558 purchasing stations in 22 hsien.

Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 9 Oct 53

The Hai-teng Hsien Cooperative has increased the number of grain-purchasing stations from seven to 17 and has launched a propaganda campaign to prevent grain speculators from disrupting the grain market. Since the beginning of its propaganda campaign in July, when the cooperative started its grain-purchasing program, it has increased from 16.7 to 67.7 percent the amount of grain sent to market which it buys.

Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 30 Oct 53

The East China Cooperative Society held the first regional trade conference on 22 September 1953, at which time 366 contracts valued at 193 billion yuan were signed.

The total value of contracts included: 173 billion yuan for agricultural supplementary products, 54 billion yuan for handicraft goods, and 15 billion yuan for industrial goods.

SINO-JAPANESE BARTER AGREEMENT -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 30 Oct 53

A new Sino-Japanese barter agreement involving the exchange of 30 million pounds sterling of goods was signed at Peiping on 29 October 1953.

COOPERATIVE PUBLICATION -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 9 Oct 53

The All-China Federation of Cooperatives, the Tientsin Postal Bureau of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, and the Ta Kung Pao have announced the inauguration of the "Cooperative Semiweekly" to be published every Tuesday and Friday on a special page of the Ta Kung Pao. This will replace the Cooperative Weekly.

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